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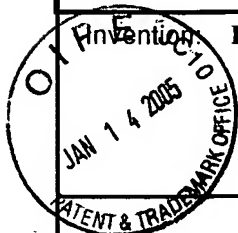
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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>(Small Entity)</b>	Docket No. <b>MEL3074.03A2</b>
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In Re Application Of: **HENRY D. MELENDEZ**

Application No. <b>10/609,139</b>	Filing Date <b>06/27/2003</b>	Examiner <b>BUI, THACH H.</b>	Customer No. <b>8156</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3752</b>	Confirmation No. <b>6731</b>
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Invention: **HANDHELD PAINT SPRAYING APPARATUS WITH ANTI-SPUTTER SPRAY NOZZLE**



COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of 07/14/2004 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month      ☐ Two months      ☒ Three months      ☐ Four months      ☐ Five months

from: 10/14/2004      until: 1/14/2005  
*Date*      *Date*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is **\$510** and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
- ☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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Dated: 1/14/05

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